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The Cabinet Committee on Safety, Security and Emergencies

Le Comité du Cabinet chargé de la Sécurité et des urgences

Minutes

A meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Safety, Security and Emergencies was held in Room 335-A, West Block, on Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Procès-verbal

Une réunion du Comité du Cabinet chargé de la Sécurité et des urgences a eu lieu dans la pièce 335-A, édifice de l'Ouest, le mardi 8 février à 17h30.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Étaient présents</u>	
C O N F I D E N C E O F T H E Q U E E , S P R I V Y	The President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness *(Mr. Blair), In the Chair,	Le président du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada et ministre de la Protection civile *(M. Blair), Président,	D O C U M E N T C O N F I D E N T I E L D U C O N S E I L P R I V É
	The Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario *(Ms. Hajdu),	La ministre des Services aux Autochtones et ministre responsable de l’Agence fédérale de développement économique pour le Nord de l’Ontario *(Mme Hajdu),	
	The Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence (Mr. MacAulay),	Le ministre des Anciens Combattants et ministre associé de la Défense nationale (M. MacAulay),	
	The Minister of Health (Mr. Duclos),	Le ministre de la Santé (M. Duclos),	
	The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food (Ms. Bibeau),	La ministre de l’Agriculture et de l’Agroalimentaire (Mme Bibeau),	
	The Minister of Foreign Affairs *(Ms. Joly),	La ministre des Affaires étrangères *(Mme Joly),	
	The Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada (Mr. Sajjan),	Le ministre du Développement international et ministre responsable de l’Agence de développement économique du Pacifique Canada (Mr. Sajjan),	
	The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada *(Mr. Lametti),	Le ministre de la Justice et procureur général du Canada *(M. Lametti),	
	The minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard *(Ms. Murray),	La ministre des Pêches, des Océans et de la Garde côtière canadienne *(Mme Murray),	
	The Minister of National Defence *(Ms. Anand),	La ministre de la Défense nationale *(Mme Anand),	
	The President of the Treasury Board *(Ms. Fortier),	La présidente du Conseil du Trésor *(Mme Fortier),	
	The Minister of Public Safety (Mr. Mendicino),	Le ministre de la Sécurité publique (M. Mendicino),	
	The Minister of Transport (Mr. Alghabra).	Le ministre des Transports (M. Alghabra).	
	*Secure device	* appareil sécurisé	
	<u>Also present</u>	<u>Étaient aussi présents</u>	
	Ms. Z. Astravas	Mme Z. Astravas	
	Ms. C. Rettig	Mme C. Rettig	
	(Office of the President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness),	(Cabinet du président du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada et ministre de la Protection civile),	
	Mr. M. Jones	M. M. Jones	
	(Office of the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship),	(Cabinet du ministre de l’Immigration, des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté),	
	Mr. M. Hall	M. M. Hall	
	(Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance),	(Cabinet de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances),	
	Mr. D. Stevens	M. D. Stevens	
	(Treasury Board Secretariat),	(Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor),	
	Ms. M. Kovacevic	Mme M. Kovacevic	
	(Finance Canada),	(Finances Canada),	

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Mr. R. Stewart
 (Public Safety Canada),
Mr. B. Matthews
 (National Defence),
Ms. B. Lucki
 (Royal Canadian Mounted Police),
Ms. s.38
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Mr. F. Daigle
 (Justice Canada),
Mr. T. Gallivan
 (Canadian Border Services
 Agency),
Mr. M. Keenan
 (Transport canada),
Ms. S. Hassan
 (Employment and Social Development
 Canada),
Mr. B. Clow
Ms. M.-L. Power
Ms. S. Khalil
 (Prime Minister’s Office),
Mr. C. Oldham
Mr. M. MacDonald
Ms. J. Bodgen
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Mr. K. McKillop
 (Privy Council Office),

The Deputy Clerk and Associate Secretary
to the Cabinet
 (Ms. N. Drouin).

National Security and Intelligence Advisor
to the Prime Minister
 (Ms. J. Thomas).

Secretary

Mr. P. Tanguy
 (Privy Council Office).

Recording Secretaries

Ms. C. Pharand
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 (Privy Council Office).

Étaient aussi présents (suite)

M. R. Stewart
 (Sécurité publique Canada),
M. B. Matthews
 (Défense nationale),
Mme B. Lucki
 (Gendarmerie royale du Canada),
Mmes s.38
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M. F. Daigle
 (Justice Canada),
M. T. Gallivan
 (Agence des services frontaliers du
 Canada),
M. M. Keenan
 (Transports Canada),
Mme S. Hassan
 (Emploi et Développement social
 Canada),
M. B. Clow
Mme M.-L. Power
Mme S. Khalil
 (Cabinet du Premier ministre),
M. C. Oldham
M. M. MacDonald
Mme J. Bodgen
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M. K. McKillop
 (Bureau du Conseil privé),

La Sous-greffière et secrétaire associée du
Cabinet
 (Mme N. Drouin).

Conseillère à la sécurité nationale et au
renseignement auprès du Premier ministre
 (Mme J. Thomas).

Secrétaire

M. P. Tanguy
 (Bureau du Conseil privé).

Secrétaires de séance

Mme C. Pharand
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 (Bureau du Conseil privé).

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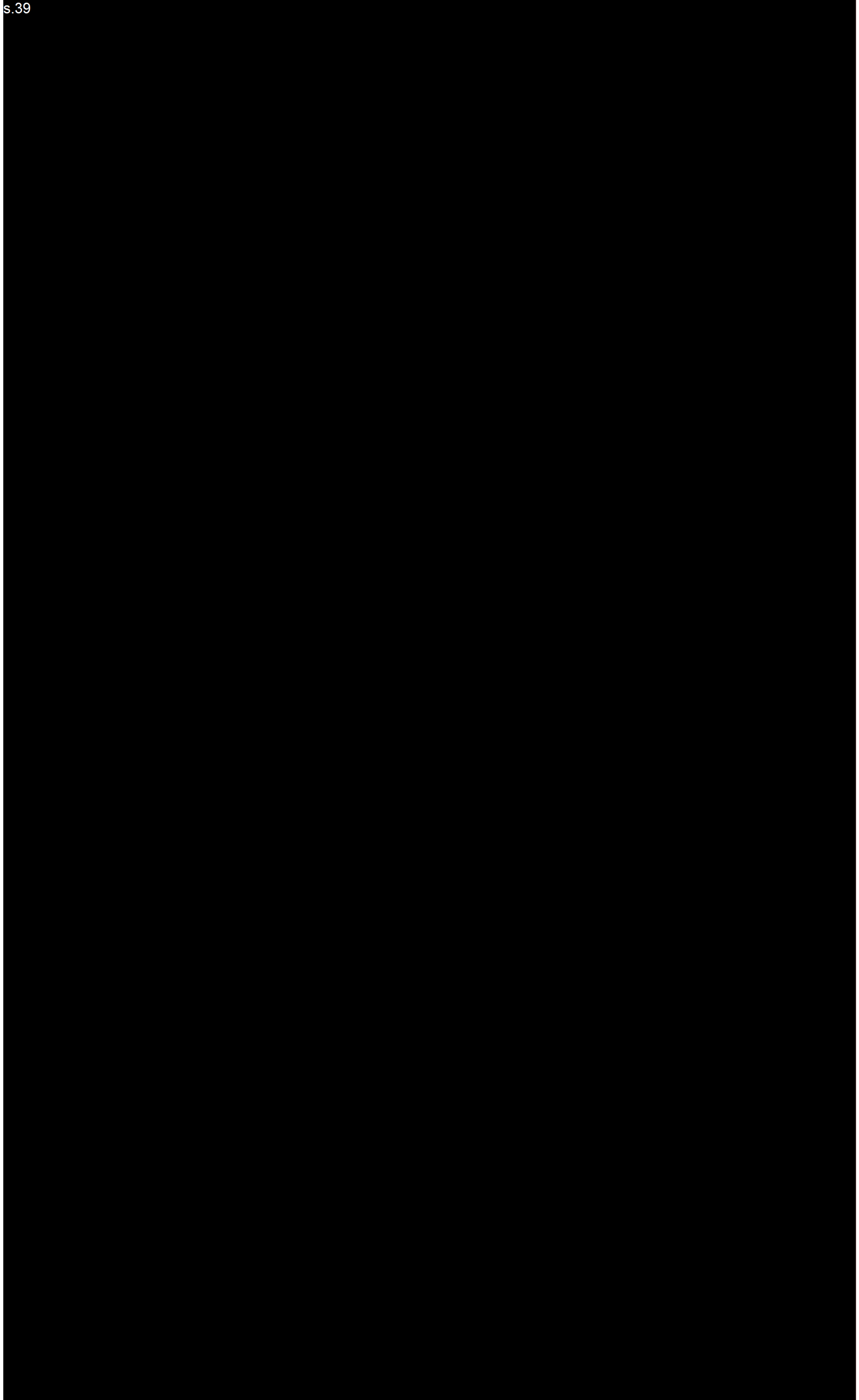
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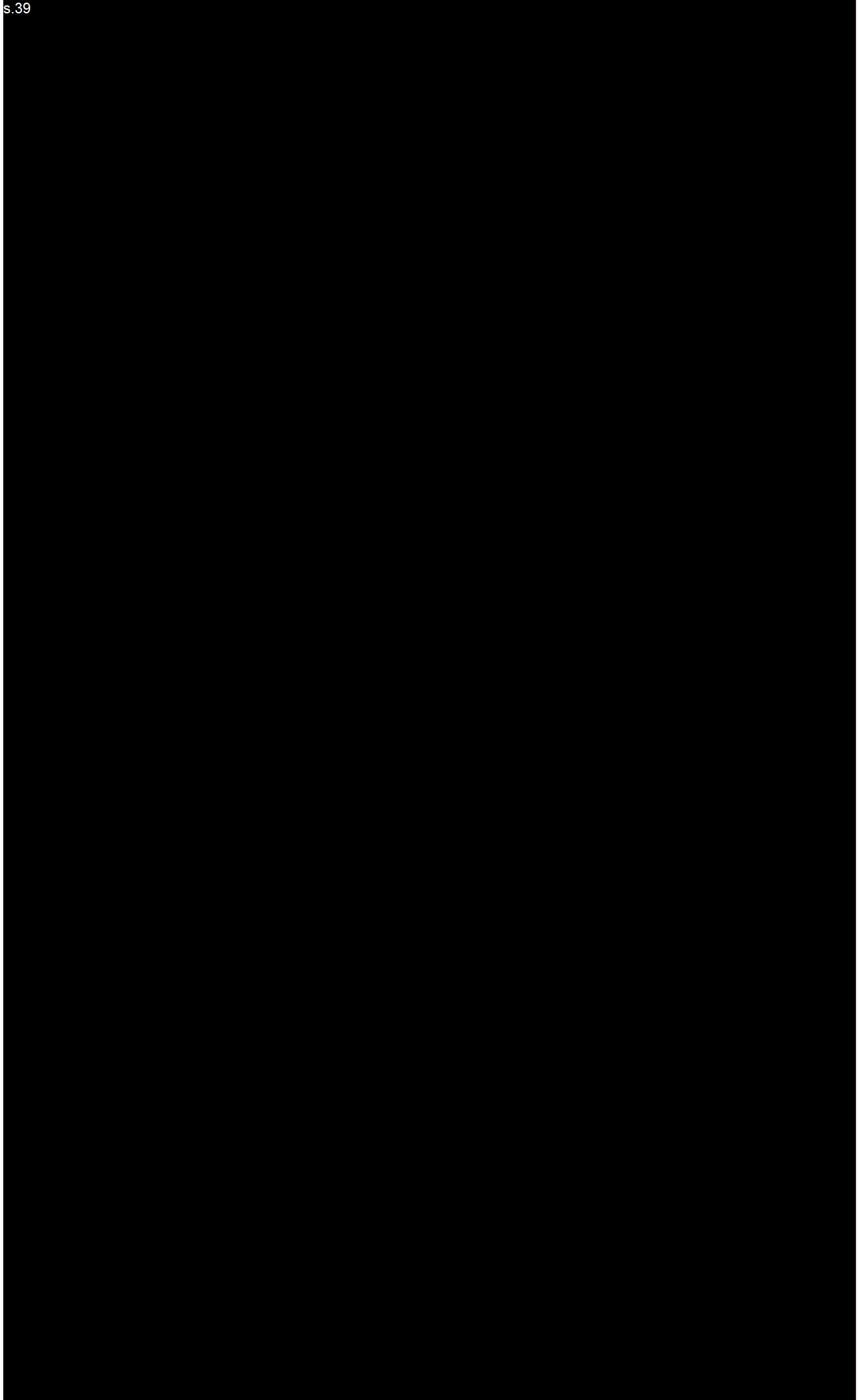
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Update regarding ongoing “Convoy Protests” in Ottawa

Mise à jour concernant les « manifestations de convois » en cours à Ottawa

The Committee added a s.39 agenda item to Cabinet meeting to provide an update on the Ottawa protests. The Committee received verbal updates from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Public Safety and the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service.



4.

The Minister indicated that there was a press conference where various Ministers and a local Member of Parliament outlined the actions to date by the federal government to support peaceful resolution of this demonstration and announced the creation of a tripartite table between federal, provincial and municipal representatives to swiftly respond to the City’s needs and share relevant information;
5.

The Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) provided an update on the current situation in Ottawa including the traffic violations, criminal offences, road closures, and protestor numbers. Ottawa Police Service enforcement continues to be active including opening criminal investigations, seizing fuel, escorting the departure of trucks, etc. The Commissioner indicated that the Ontario Provincial Police is developing an integrated planning cell to formalize a further detailed plan to manage the demonstrations. The Commissioner clarified that demonstrations persist in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Windsor, Ontario and Coutts, Alberta with Alberta declaring a state of emergency;
6.

The Executive Vice-President of the Canada Border Services Agency indicated that there have been at least a dozen situations involving the borders in the last 10 days. The border crossing re-routed from Windsor (Ambassador Bridge) to Sarnia is not capable of fully managing the volumes. The impact of this is being felt in the automotive industry which has reported shutting down production lines because of delivery issues. The Executive Vice-president indicated that there has been good cooperation from law enforcement;
7.

The Director of Canadian Security and Intelligence Service continues to provide intelligence support to local police. There is no evidence of violence identified to date but an increase in the online activity focused on anti-enforcement rhetoric and invitations to participate in blockades at the border crossings;
8.

The Deputy Minister of Public Safety provided an update on engagement with Ottawa, confirming that since the injunction has been put in place, there have been no horns used in Ottawa by the protestors. The Ottawa Police Service is reporting that their staff are tired and need reinforcements. It is evident that the protest is well organized and that the blockade at the Ambassador Bridge is designed to divide the attention of the Ontario Provincial Police. The Deputy Minister confirmed that Ottawa has developed a plan that is being reviewed by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police which includes four key elements:

a.

Reliance on negotiation to the extent possible;

b.

Ongoing enforcement of laws and the subsequent decrease in activity in some key areas;

c.

Containing the demonstrations once an area is cleared; and,

d.

Gathering intelligence including the names of people and the various trucking companies represented.

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During the course of the discussion, the following points were raised:

1. s.39 there was a request by Ottawa for 1,700 officers to double the force for approximately 2-3 weeks.s.39
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2. The Minister of Transport s.39
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- s.39 The Minister met with automakers and retailers and agreed the impact of the border closure is being felt. The Ministers has tried to reach out to the Ontario Minister of Transportation however, there has been no uptake.s.39
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